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Hadalga in Gad-Hinglaj Taluka of Kolhapur District, forms an integral part of the Ghataprabha Valley Development Scheme.

Malaprabha Irrigation Project.

1577. *Malaprabha Irrigation Project*:—The detailed investigations, surveys and preparation of detailed plans and estimates pertaining to Proposal No. II, viz.—

(i) Storage dam across the Malaprabha River at the Peacock Gorge near Manoli, Taluka Parasgad; and

(ii) A Right Bank Canal of nearly 135 miles (including branch canals) long; were taken up during the year.

1578. The cost of the whole scheme is as follows:—

Part I.

	Rs. in lakhs
Storage Dam at the Peacock Gorge ...	367·00
Part II.	
Right Bank Canal	1,143·00
Total ...	1,510·00

Dharma Reservoir Project near Yamagalli in Mundgod Taluka of North Kanara District.

1579. *Dharma Reservoir Project near Yamagalli in Mundgod Taluk of North Kanara District*:—The above project has been sanctioned for Rs. 67 lakhs. Preliminary works were under progress during the year. The total expenditure incurred on this was Rs. 4,11,854.

(iii) Government Electricity Department.

1580. This is the final report on the administration of Electricity Department under the aegis of Government. The Report pertains only to the half-year ending 30th September 1957, as the State Electricity Board was constituted with effect from 1st October 1957 to administer such of the activities of the Ex-Government Electricity Department, excluding the Hydro-Electric Project Construction Works of Sharavathi Valley, Bhadra, Tungabhadra—Left Bank and Right Banks (IInd Stage), which have been retained under Government control, along with investigation of fresh projects.

Power supply to villages.

1581. Seventy-six villages were electrified during the period at a cost of Rs. 9,16,075. Till the end of 30th September 1957 the number of towns and villages electrified was 1,381.

1582. Eighteen thousand nine hundred and fiftynine domestic lighting, power, heating installations were serviced during the half year ending 30th September 1957. The total number of installations stood at 2,23,570. Other Power and Lighting Installations.

1583. Seven hundred and seventy-eight irrigation pumping installations were serviced during the half year ending 30th September 1957 out of the loan assistance of Rs. 45·20 lakhs sanctioned by the Government of India, and the total number of installations in service at the end of the period stood at 10,105 (9,327). An expenditure of Rs. 15,55,336 was incurred during the period. The revenue realised for the half year ending 30th September 1957 was Rs. 6,34,470 on the total expenditure of Rs. 3,01 88,303 which works out to 2·1 per cent. On an average of 5 acres per pump, the area of cultivation covered by electrically driven pumping sets is 50,525 acres. Power supply to Irrigation Pumps.

1584. Four thousand five hundred and nine street lights (46,157) were serviced during the period, bringing the total number of street lights in service to 50,666 in several cities, towns and villages in the new State. Street Lighting.

1585. The three Hydro Generating Stations at Sivasamudram, Shimshapura and Jog and nine Diesel Stations in the integrated areas have conjointly generated 452,854,088 units during the period. Generation of Power.

1586. The total length of High and Low Tension Transmission lines stood at 9,120 and 5,621 circuit miles respectively. High Tension Transmission Lines.

1587. The gross demand for the period amounted to Rs. 2,07,54,602 and collections including arrears amounted to Rs. 2,23,99,823 against the Budget anticipation of Rs. 3,86,50,000 for the full year, leaving a balance of Rs. 50,38,469. Gross Demand Collection and Balance.

1588. A sum of Rs. 17,47,721 was realised towards tax on electricity consumption during the period, against the original Budget anticipation of Rs. 31,20,00) provided for the full year and adjusted in accounts. Taxes and Duties.

1589. The net receipts for power supply after paying off of all working expenses on establishment, maintenance proper, tools and plant, with contribution to Depreciation Fund during the half year was Rs. 1,06,81,697. Contribu- Net Receipts

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tion to Depreciation Reserve Fund was Rs. 45,27,123 and the total contribution outstanding at the end of the period was Rs. 5,75,81,747 which is yet adjustable to the credit of the Board.

Interest on Capital Expenditure.

1590. Under 52—Interest on Electricity Schemes, interest charges accounted for the half year amounted to Rs. 75,98,927 outside the Revenue accounts of the Department.

1591. The gross receipts and working expenses of the Department for the half year ending 30th September 1957 stood as follows:—

	Rs.
(1) Gross Receipts ...	2,23,99,823
(2) Working Expenses (excluding interest charges).	1,17,18,126
Net Revenue ...	1,06,81,697

Accidents.

1592. There were 37 fatal accidents to human lives and 18 accidents to animals during the half year.

1593. Action was being taken to replace the overhead lines by underground cables to minimise accidents as far as practicable.

1594. The activities of the Government Electricity Department except for works referred to above, have been switched on to the Electricity Board, which started functioning from 1st October 1957.

(iv) Electricity Board

1595. The Mysore State Electricity Board was constituted with effect from 30th September 1957. The Board started functioning on 1st October 1957 with an initial loan of Rs. 50 lakhs obtained from the State Government towards its working expenses, after having surrendered all balances of voted grants for the works maintained and developed by the State Electricity Department. Within the course of six months the Board repaid Rs. 35 lakhs to Government after building up its own resources in Government Treasuries through which the transactions of the Board are permitted to be handled.

1596. The Report pertains to the second half of the year commencing from 1st October 1957 to 31st March 1958,